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During summer days it is a delightful place of resort, and (like its neighbor, "STARVED ROCK,") is extensively patronized by pleasure seekers. Its name is supposed to have been derived from the practice of the Indians, in driving herds of deer into its mouth, when, having no aperture of escape, they became an easy prey

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